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In response to the Office Action mailed April 25, 2006, requiring restriction between the claims, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, which includes claims 1-10. This election is made without traverse. Separate species were not identified for Group I.

Prompt and favorable consideration of the elected invention is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite

prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at  
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